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Title: ABSORBENT DEVICE USING AN APERTURED NONWOVEN AS AN ACQUISITION DISTRIBUTION LAYER

Enclosed are the following papers, including those required to receive a filing date under 37 CFR §1.53(b):

| | <u>Pages</u> |
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| Abstract | 1 |
| Declaration | [To be Filed at a Later Date] |
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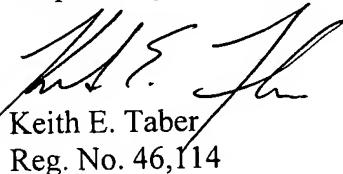
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